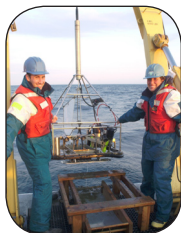




The Natural Resource Monitoring Partnership

Monitoring is essential to making effective management decisions and evaluating the outcomes of those decisions. Unfortunately, limited resources, incomplete information, and international or jurisdictional boundaries can compromise the ability of resource managers to design and implement effective monitoring programs. Too often, monitoring is the last thing to get done and the first thing to be cut. Most monitoring and evaluation is driven by specific projects and short term information needs, limiting our ability to take advantage of economies of scale and make the most of scarce resources.



The Partnership is led by several collaborative teams made up of volunteers from participating agencies and organizations. However, the Partnership has no formal authority and does not exert any control over the work of any individual or institution: it exists only to help improve the design and implementation of monitoring programs by improving communication and coordination among individuals and institutions engaged in natural resource monitoring.

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The Natural Resource Monitoring Partnership (NRMP) is a collaborative effort by the natural resource management community to improve monitoring efforts in order to support effective evaluation and decision-making. Current participants include State, Federal, and Canadian natural resource management agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and academic institutions.



The Natural Resource Monitoring Partnership was built with YOU in mind:

- Get easy access to monitoring protocols throughout the U.S. and Canada
- Find out what monitoring is happening in your region or for a particular species
- Enhance State planning efforts and opportunities for collaboration

To use the NRMP Monitoring Protocol Library and NRMP Monitoring Locator, visit <http://nrmp.nbi.gov>



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Now Available! Practical Tools To Foster Improved Resource Monitoring

To foster coordination and collaboration of monitoring efforts the Natural Resource Monitoring Partnership provides two collaborative, internet-based tools.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Monitoring Locator". It includes fields for "Project Progress", "Start Date" (with a dropdown for "2004" and input for "Month" and "Day"), and "End Date" (with input for "Month" and "Day"). Below these are three radio button options for "Monitoring Location": "I want to enter the location(s) by Place Name", "I want to enter the exact coordinates of my Project Area(s)", and "I want to enter the location(s) using a map interface". The "Place Name" section has a text input field and a "Go" button. At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu for "State" with "Wisconsin" selected, and a dropdown for "UNITED STATES first-order administrative divi..." with "Lo" selected.

The screenshot shows a web page titled "Find Monitoring Protocols". It includes a "Search" button and a "Search Protocol" section. Below the search bar, it says "There are 0 Protocol resources available." and lists "Title: Small Mammals", "Originating Agency: National Park Service", and "SD: M". There are also checkboxes for "SD" and "M".

Monitoring "Locator" - An internet-based, GIS application that allows users to identify what natural resource monitoring is being conducted within a particular area (e.g., State, province, county or other selected geographic area). Users of this system have the ability to locate ongoing and historic monitoring according to the scales, targets, and objectives that are of interest to them.



Don't reinvent the wheel!

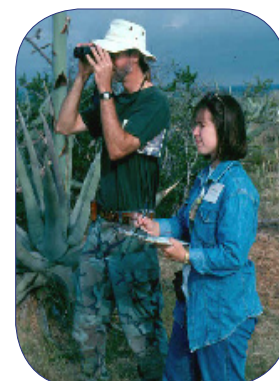
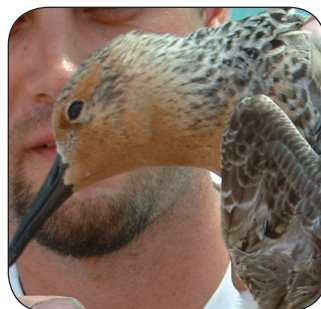
- Save time and funds in protocol development by using our Smart query tool
- Quick data entry makes posting your monitoring projects and protocols simple
- Get information about monitoring protocols or data sources for a new or ongoing study



Monitoring Protocol Library - An internet accessible, searchable database that provides information on monitoring protocols and resource assessment methodologies organized to facilitate reference and use. This is not a database of monitoring data or results, but rather a database of protocols. It is a library or catalog, not a warehouse, developed and maintained by users, under the management of an archivist/librarian.

NRMP wants you to:

- Share your monitoring activities
- Share your monitoring protocols
- Join the partnership
- Promote the Partnership within your organization
- Remember the NRMP is only as good as you make it



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